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FOR LEO WALLACE POD/PL 480 PROGRAMS

SUBJECT: PL 480 RICE ON GUAM

REF: FASTO 09

TOFAS 14. 1. ACTING AGATTACHE NOTIFIED TOYO MENKA OF RECEIPT OF
REF COMMUNICATION.

2. TOYO MENKA REPRESENTATIVE (AKIRA NITTA) DID NOT OFFER TO
CLARIFY NATURE OF SANWA MESSAGE TO FNCB BUT IT IS APPARENT THAT
THE MESSAGE WAS NOT AN INSTRUCTION TO INCREASE THE L/C VALUE.

3. UPON REQUESTING THAT NITTA ADVISE SANWA TO INSTRUCT FNCB TO
INCREASE VALUE OF L/C TO \$409,818.24 COVERING 2,134.47 METRIC
TONS, NITTA SAID THAT SUCH ACTION WAS NOT NECESSARY BECAUSE THE
CURRENT L/C AUTHORIZES PAYMENT OF 2,100 M.T. AT \$192 PER METRIC
TON PLUS OR MINUS 3 PERCENT. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY ACTION NECESSARY
TO EFFECT PAYMENT WAS FOR TOYO MENKA TO NOTIFY SANWA OF THE SURVEYED
WEIGHTS AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS WERE IN ORDER. SANWA WOULD THEN
AUTHORIZE FNCB TO RELEASE PAYMENT.

4. REQUESTED THAT NITTA NOTIFY SANWA THAT DOCUMENTS WERE IN
ORDER AND OF ADJUSTED VALUE AND WEIGHT.

5. NITTA INQUIRED ABOUT STATUS OF TOYO MENKA CLAIM AGAINST
USDA AND WAS ADVISED THAT USDA'S LEGAL STAFF WAS STUDYING THE
CLAIM. NITTA SAID THAT RELEASE OF THE L/C PAYMENT WOULD HAVE TO
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BE CONCURRENT WITH SETTLEMENT OF TOYO MENKA CLAIM. NITTA WAS

ADVISED THAT USDA CONSIDERED THE CLAIM A SEPARATE ISSUE. NITTA SAID THAT TOYO MENKA DOES NOT CONSIDER THE CLAIM A SEPARATE ISSUE.

6. NITTA ASKED THAT USDA BE ADVISED HE WOULD BE IN DAVAO ON OTHER COMPANY BUSINESS FROM JAN. 17 TO 26 AND THAT UPON HIS RETURN IF USDA HAD TRANSMITTED AN ACCEPTABLE WRITTEN PROPOSAL TOWARD THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM, RELEASE OF THE L/C PAYMENT COULD BE EFFECTED WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT A VERBAL PROPOSAL WAS NOT SATISFACTORY.
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